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To: Members of the Senate.

On behalf of our members we submit this letter of support for SB 224.

The Coalition supports this Bill and its intent of examining the penalties for violating our criminal code. Criminal justice laws are passed and seldom revised at time and society change. These laws and the sentences for violating these statutes are based on the needs and sentiment of society at the time of passage.

Time changes our view and our laws and penalties for violating them should change as new information comes to light. A review of our criminal penalty structure would enhance respect for and show commitment to fair and just sentencing commensurate with the violation.

Respectfully Submitted
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